

Literally Speaking

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Advisory Board Member Terry Buckley, at right, receives a proclamation from Mayor Ed Selich as the City of Newport Beach declares September 4, 2008 as Literacy Day.

Ruth Cisneros Honored at International Literacy Day

On Thursday, September 4th, Ruth Cisneros was honored with the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award. This is an annual award meant to both honor the memory of Rochelle Hoffman who was a dedicated tutor with Newport Beach Public Library Literacy Services and to recognize an exceptional adult learner in the literacy program.

Ruth truly is exceptional. She dreams of building a dental clinic in her birth city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, for those too poor to pay for dental care. She works tirelessly to see this dream become a reality. To improve her English skills, Ruth participates in many of the classes offered by the literacy program as well as working weekly with her tutor, Terry Buckley. Ruth has also served as the student liaison to the Literacy Board. Although she was a practicing dentist in Ecuador, additional certification is needed to practice in the United States, and Ruth continues to study hard, take the required tests, and work toward fulfilling her dream. Congratulations, Ruth. You are an inspiration to all of us.

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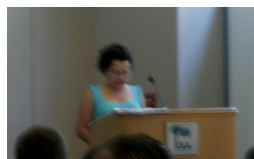
International Literacy Day Celebrated at Newport Beach Public Library

Nearly 100 people gathered at the Newport Beach Public Library (NBPL) to celebrate International Literacy Day on September 4th. The celebration began with a buffet that included wonderful foods brought by literacy program learners, delicious coffee provided by the Corona del Mar Starbucks, and also a lavish fruit and cheese display generously donated by Bristol Farms.



Attendees enjoy buffet

Attendees heard from NBPL Director Cynthia Pirtle, Newport Beach Mayor Ed Selich as he officially proclaimed Literacy Day for the city, Board President Carolyn Scheer as she explained some of the ways that literacy day is celebrated worldwide. Linda Hernandez, a learner with the program, shared what the program has meant to her.



Linda Hernandez

The Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award was presented to learner Ruth Cisneros by Rochelle's daughters Renee and Risa. Representatives from



Ruth Cisneros

both Congressman John Campbell and Senator Tom Harmon's offices offered Ruth congratulatory certificates. It was a full morning, and a wonderful opportunity to honor the dedicated tutors, adult learners, and volunteers who make the program a success.

New Classes

Daytime Discussion Group—Tuesdays, 10:00 am, beginning September 16th

Writing and Grammar Classes—Watch the monthly calendars for details on upcoming classes

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 6, 2008 10:00 am till Noon: Literacy Holiday Potluck—Newport Coast Community Center
March 7, 2009 Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN) Tutor/Learner Conference



Literacy Board Member Publishes New Books

Carol Hazelwood, long-time board member and conversation class facilitator, has two new books published. *Assume Nothing*, published by Xlibris.com, is a novel of ruthless deceptions, switched identities, and family secrets. *Rising Mist*, published by blurb.com, is a novella that tells of a man's return to his native Norway to solve the mystery of the death of his parents and his lost love. In the process, he learns the truth of his birth and the power of forgiveness.

Both these books can be viewed on Carol's website, www.carolhazelwood.com. The links on the website lead to the two different publishing houses where you can purchase the books. If you would rather get a signed copy through the author, you may contact her at carolh633@cox.net.

Carol has been involved with the literacy program since its founding and gives the following advice to would-be writers. "A good story should keep the reader guessing and caring about the characters. An author should strive to make the reader want to turn the pages. Reading and writing go hand-in-hand. To be a good writer, you must read, read, and then read some more with a critical eye and ear. Reading aloud gives you an appreciation for dialog. Details make writing come alive, and using the five senses makes for a powerful read. Good writing is rewriting and there are no shortcuts.

Are you a sprinter or a long distance runner? To write a book, you must be a marathon runner."

FUN WITH WORDS

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YOURSELF

Answers:

Too funny for words (2 funny, 4 words)
For instance (4 in stance)
Deep in thought
See for yourself (C, 4 yourself)

President's Message:

WHAT DO YOU READ?

In the course of a day, have you ever stopped to consider the number of different formats you have to read? For example, you may start the day reading a newspaper or perusing the fine print on a cereal box as you eat breakfast. If you drive or take public transportation, there are signs to be read. At work or school, you may deal with memos, magazines or journals, hand-written notes, or emails. A lot of the reading we do involves formats other than books, yet books are the format most people bring to mind when talking about reading and reading goals.

The literacy program is purchasing new materials to replace or augment our literacy collection, which now consists of books, workbooks, and reading-aloud CDs of books. Some collections, like our sets of books and matching reading-aloud CDs are growing; and we are venturing into new areas with the purchase of a few graphic books, primarily in US history and biography. Which formats work best for you? Are there particular materials or subjects that you would like to see become part of our collection? Please give your suggestions to the literacy office. The education committee will be meeting quarterly to review and purchase new materials.

Carolyn Scheer

It's a Chocolate Party!



In appreciation of our many tutors who completed Roles & Goals forms in June, helping us exceed our 75% participation goal, our next Tutor Connection (October 16 at 10:00 am) will include chocolate.

Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the support of individuals, companies, and foundations who have given generously to the literacy program.

If you or someone you know would like to contribute, donations (payable to ProLiteracy Newport/Mesa) may be sent to the following address:

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1000 Avocado Ave.
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Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!

Opportunities for Learners

- ☑ Book Club reading *The Bean Trees*
- ☑ Pronunciation Group meets every Wednesday
- ☑ Conversation class meets every Thursday evening to discuss idioms and life in the U.S.
- ☑ New Discussion Group meets on Tuesdays
- ☑ Families for Literacy will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.
- ☑ Check the monthly calendars for Tutor Connection and Learner Network meetings

Tutors: Please discuss these opportunities with your learners.

GOALS

The key to the success of our literacy program is providing learner-centered instruction that helps our learners meet their personal goals.

To our learners: As you meet the goals that you have set, celebrate, but don't forget to set new goals with your tutor.

Tutors: As your learner sets measurable, reachable goals, don't forget to record them on your Roles & Goals sheet - both the date set and the date accomplished. When January arrives and the sheets are turned in, you will have your work nearly done already. An updated Roles & Goals form can be found on our website or picked up in the office.

LITERALLY SPEAKING

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FIELD TRIP IDEAS

Field trips are great opportunities for observing, learning new vocabulary, and appreciating the unique area that we live in. A descriptive essay, using new vocabulary, written after a field trip is a great follow-up activity.

Bolsa Chica Conservancy

"it's for the birds"



Just up Pacific Coast Highway, in Huntington Beach, between Warner and Seapoint Avenues, is the Bolsa Chica Conservancy, a unique field trip destination. Some of the nation's best bird watching can be done at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, which is open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset. The hours for the Interpretive

Center can be found on the website. While at the conservancy, observe birds, their colors, habitats, and movements. For more information, visit the website at www.bolsachica.org. The birder's guide lists bird species and the seasons in which they may be spotted. Don't forget your binoculars!

Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center

2301 University Drive
 Newport Beach, CA 92660
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www.newportbay.org

Located at the top of Upper Newport Bay, the interpretive center is dedicated to promoting and supporting the protection and preservation of California Coastal Wetlands through environmental education. There are walking tours of the Upper Newport Bay and many other educational opportunities. Not only are birds and wildlife featured, but native plants are also showcased.

Congratulations to the Learners who met their goals:

**Passed the Citizenship Test
 Advanced to New Levels in
 Reading Plus
 Passed a work-related exam
 Became a volunteer**

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

September 1	Library Closed	Labor Day
September 3, 17, 24	Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Pronunciation Class
September 3, 10, 17, 24	Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.	New Tutor Training
September 4	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	International Literacy Day Celebration
September 11, 18, 25	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
September 8, 15, 22, 29	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Book Club
September 9	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
September 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
September 30	Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.	Families for Literacy
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Pronunciation Class
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
October 6, 13, 20, 27	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Book Club
October 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
October 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Writing Class
October 16	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	Tutor Connection
October 22	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	New Learner Orientation
October 28	Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.	Families for Literacy
October 29	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	New Tutor Orientation
October 30	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	Learner Network
November 3, 10, 17, 24	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Book Club
November 4, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Pronunciation Class
November 5	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Writing Class
November 6, 13, 20	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
November 11	Library Closed	Veteran's Day
November 12	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
November 18, 25	Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.	Tutor Training
November 25	Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.	Families for Literacy
November 27, 28	Library Closed	Thanksgiving

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted. For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@city.newport-beach.ca.us